Administration reports under the hon. the Minister for Development.

*1849 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing—

(*a*) the administration reports of the several departments under his control for the years 1927–28 and 1928–29;

(*b*) the months in which they were published with reviews; and

(ii) to state whether any, and if so, what steps have been taken to place them before the public at an early date?

A.—(*i*) (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is appended. Reports for 1928–29 are due only after the close of March 1929.

(*ii*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1841.

Agriculture

Work done by the Principal, Agricultural College.

*1850 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether under the rules the Principal, Agricultural College, has to deliver every term a course of lectures in his own particular subject and another course co-ordinating the subjects dealt with in the term by other lectures;

(*b*) how many lectures were under the above rules delivered by the present Principal, the total number of hours spent by him on these lectures and the classes to which and the dates on which these lectures were delivered; and

(*c*) whether steps will be taken to replace men on the teaching staff of the college who do not possess any academical qualifications by men with such qualifications?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The present Principal took charge on the 14th May 1927. In the academic year 1927–28 he was teaching Botany to Class I during the first two terms—June to September and October to December. In December, Teaching and Research were separated and in the third term January to March the Assistant Lecturing Botanist became full time lecturer in Botany and the bulk of the teaching in that subject was transferred to him. The Principal delivered to the final year students four special lectures on Horticulture of 2 hours' duration each on 2nd, 4th, 7th and 9th February 1928. As in the last year the special lectures will be delivered by him this year from 14th March.

Since he took over, he has been exercising closer supervision over teaching of all the three classes. He is unable to deliver co-ordinating lectures as he has no time to do so, as he was also obliged to be in full charge of the post of Systematic Botanist.

(*c*) The Government will take into consideration the hon. Member's suggestion when future vacancies arise in the College.

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a Printed as Appendix IV on page 784 infra.